

ERIC PAGE

non-meteorologist turned comedian



By Suzie Lounsbery

I love comedy - I mean really love it. It has literally changed my life. I knew I was hooked on my boyfriend the first time he told me one of his many "Jesus walks into a bar..." jokes that, for what they lack in actual comedic value, make up for in enthusiasm. Make me laugh and you have a fast track to my heart. Want to get sore ribs laughing at a professional? Be sure to check out the ubiquitous Eric Page at one of the venues he will be performing at in April and May. This up and coming star is making waves, or should I say, laughs, around the area.

In a conversation with Eric, he said that "the fun began" being the youngest in a family with 2 sisters where he was the source of entertainment. Imagine having not just a pesky younger brother, but an actual comedian as a younger brother. Older sisters everywhere perish the thought!! In college, where he had his first experience with cable TV and "MTV's 1/2 Hour of Comedy," he became addicted. There, he began to hone his talents. As a sideline, he pursued and was awarded a degree in atmospheric meteorology from Creighton

University in Omaha, NE. We can all rejoice in the fact that he didn't go the Paul Douglas route.



Eric Page is originally from Mankato, but presently lives in Plymouth. He has moved around the country extensively, during which time he has polished and refined his comedic skills to the benefit of audiences everywhere. He has performed in Las Vegas, Los Angeles, and all over Nebraska and Minnesota. The plethora of venues he has performed in range from open mic nights to Christian Comedy clubs to hotel bars.

Some of his many awards include, First Place in the Comedy Store Talent Search in Minneapolis in 1998, finalist in the Twin Cities Stand Up Challenge in 1999 and Biggest Fool In Las Vegas Stand Up Contest in 1994. And Colin Covert, writer for the *Star Tribune*, called Eric Page, "A Human Cartoon."

He is definitely keeping busy these days, so there is no excuse for not taking in a show or three. He will be performing Friday, April 1, at the Crown Plaza in Bloomington at 8 p.m., April 2 at the American Legion in Northfield at 8 p.m., and April 9 in Staples at 9 p.m.

We are also pleased to have Eric as a part of both of our Laugh it Up Series events this month - the "Never on Sunday" comedy event at the New Ulm Holiday Inn on April 10 at 5 p.m. and headlining on April 15 at the Mankato Holiday Inn as part of the "Comedy Just in Time" event, in his home stomping grounds, at 8 p.m. For more information on both of these events, check out the Happenings sections of this issue.

I am proof positive that comedy can have life changing ramifications. As much as I appreciate my sweetie's warped sense of humor, there is no substitute for a professional. Attend one (or more) of Eric Page's shows and laugh yourself stupid.

Comedy Live Presents

Laugh It Up Series

Comedy Just In Time

April 15, 2005

Drop off your taxes and head down to the Mankato Holiday Inn for a night of hilarity

with



Rox Tarrant
Twin Cities Diva of Comedy



Eric Page
Minneapolis Comedy Festival - Winner



Mary Mack
Twin Cities Funniest Person Finalist 2003



Jeff Polis
Twin Cities Laugh-Off Finalist

Friday, April 15, 2005

Mankato Holiday Inn • 101 East Main Street, Mankato, MN

TICKETS *VIP Reserved \$15.00 • General Seating \$10.00*
Advance purchase required, available at the Holiday Inn
Tickets at the Door \$15.00
Dinner-Comedy Special - \$5.00 off dinner at 101 restaurant when you show your comedy ticket

SHOWTIME 8:00 p.m. Be on time!

LAUGHTER & STRESS RELIEF...NO MONEY, JUST NO STRESS

Never on Sunday

A comedy fundraising event to benefit Putting Green and Rhin River Arts Center

Featuring Wild Bill Bauer, Jeff Polis, Eric Page, and hosted by Rox Tarrant

April 10th
5 p.m. Holiday Inn New Ulm
Tickets: \$18
Available at Cashwise, Hy-Vee, and Chamber of Commerce - New Ulm
Downtown Hy-Vee - Mankato

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